Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Perhaps there might have been some clerical mistake.

Mr. President: Is it intended to be suggested that the Port Office should not be on the reclamation ground?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The Port Office has been actually shifted to the reclamation ground and I think it is the proper place.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): What is the expenditure incurred per year to carry people from the Port Office to Cochin and from Cochin to the Port Office? Is there not a free ferry kept for the purpose?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): There is one boat running at stated intervals.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): What is the expenditure incurred?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): I want notice.

Mr. M. K. Devassy (*Adur*): What was the urgency for shifting the Port Office?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): The whole Administrative Block has been shifted so far as the Port is concerned and the Port Office is one of them.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan (*Chalakkudi*): It was located in British Cochin before. We are glad that it has been shifted to the reclamation ground.

Mr. President: Its location at British Cochin was a temporary measure pending the completion of the Administration Block of buildings.

DREDGING OPERATIONS—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

187. Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): Will the Government be pleased to inform the House:—

(*a*) where the silt taken out by the dredger to deepen the channel and to clear the opening into the sea at Cochin was deposited during the years, 1110, 1111, 1112 and 1113;

(*b*) what was the quantity taken in each of these years;

(*c*) what was the cost of the dredging operations?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The silt dredged out during the years 1934-1935

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1935-1936, 1936-1937 and 1937-1938 were discharged in the open sea;

(*b*)	18,50,000 Cubic	yards during	1934-1935
	22,32,000	....	1935-1936
	21,31,000	....	1936-1937
	24,44,500	....	1937-1938
(*c*)	About Rs. 1,61,800	during	1934-1935
	... Rs. 1,14,400	....	1935-1936
	.... Rs. 99,900	....	1936-1937
	.... Rs. 1,03,100	....	1937-1938

RECLAMATION—COST REGARDING.

188. **Mr. C. R. Iyyunni** (*Trichur South*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) what was the total amount spent for the reclamation of 250 acres of land in the Island;

(*b*) what are the various items of expenditure incurred for the same;

(*c*) wherefrom was the earth taken to raise the same?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Rs. 37,50,000.

(*b*) Government do not think that the labour involved in collecting the particulars will be commensurate with the value of the information obtained.

(*c*) From the backwater channel.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): I do not want any detailed information regarding the various items of expenditure incurred. I want only the main headings.

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): This was not spent as a lump sum. The amount began to be paid from 1923 and lasted till 1933 and it was paid in instalments. The whole amount comes to this. It will be very difficult to collect all the particulars.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether the earth was taken from the backwater as a result of the dredging operations carried on for the purpose of the Harbour?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni (*Trichur-South*): May I know whether any amount has been debited with regard to the dredging operation on the one side and another amount so far as the reclamation is concerned on the other side?

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